

Application # FY2012-3

Qualifies: \_\_\_\_\_

Does not qualify: \_\_\_\_\_

## INITIAL ELIGIBILITY PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

**DUE BY DECEMBER 1**

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
 c/o Park & Recreation Department  
 1471 Highland Avenue, Town Hall  
 Needham, MA 02492  
 www.needhamma.gov/CPC

1. **Applicant:** NEEDHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
2. **Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email:** 1471 HIGHLAND AVE  
NEEDHAM MA  
781-718-8876 RICK@HARDYL.COM  
**Contact Name:** RICK HARDY
3. **Purpose:** *(Please select all that apply)*  
☐ Open Space  
☐ Community Housing  
☒ Historic Preservation  
☐ Recreation
4. **Project Name:** HERITAGE PROJECT - HISTORICAL INVENTORY
5. **Project Location/Address/Ownership (Control):**  
NEEDHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
1471 HIGHLAND AVE  
NEEDHAM MA 02492
6. **Amount Requested:** \$ 25,000
7. **Estimated Total Project Cost (If Different):** \$ NA
8. **Critical Dates: (If Applicable)** NA

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The Historical Commission thanks the CPC for its previous support and funding of the Heritage Project, which allowed the commission to research, catalog and add an additional 39 properties to the town's inventory of historic sites. This work has led to a renewed interest in Needham's historic homes. Other benefits of the project have included an informational meeting attended by 80 property owners, the ability to make this information available on the town website for those interested in these historic assets. The response to this initiative has been overwhelmingly positive, spawning a local cable series featuring historic homes and resulting in the commission receiving calls from property owners asking how their homes can be added to the inventory.

The Historical Commission would like to continue this successful project by adding more properties to Needham's inventory of historic homes. However, the commission's annual budget of \$1,500 does not allow for the necessary research and cataloging of eligible properties. The Historical Commission is making application to the CPC for \$25,000 from the Historical "bucket" to continue the work of identifying and preserving Needham's historic assets. The funding will be used to contract with a professional in historic research to identify, study and create a separate report for each home. Needham's tercentennial has captured the imagination of town residents. We'd like to further build on the current enthusiasm surrounding Needham's history by taking this next step in protecting and preserving those historic properties which help link us to our past.

CROSS CHECK:	
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**9. Project Summary: In 100 words or less provide a brief summary of the project:**

SEE ATTACHED

**10. Community Need: In 100 words or less provide a brief statement of the need for and the benefits to the community.**

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**Note: This application enables the Community Preservation Committee to review the request to assess eligibility. You shall be notified by January 1 of your eligibility. If eligible you will be requested to supply additional information by February 1.**